



## Barnstable County Economic Development Council (BCEDC)

### Draft Minutes | June 7, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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The meeting was held virtually with members of the Barnstable County Economic Development Council participating remotely, pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023.

The Chair announced that because the meeting was being held virtually all votes and other actions would be done by roll call. She stated that the members participating remotely would be announced as roll call is taken.

### Attendance/Roll Call

Member	Business Sector	Attendance
Greg Bilezikian	Real Estate Development	Present
Rob Brennan	Construction/Engineering	Present
Kara Galvin	Workforce Development	Present
Lisa Guyon	Social Services	Absent
Cindy Horgan	Childcare	Present
Tammi Jacobsen	Higher Education	Absent
Alisa Magnotta	Social Services	Present
Robert Talerman	Banking/Finance	Present
Julie Wake	Arts and Culture	Present
<i>Non-voting members</i>		
Mark Forest	BC Commissioner	Present
Harold Mitchell	CCC Rep	Absent
John Ohman	Assembly of Delegates	Absent
<b>Cape Cod Commission Staff:</b>		
Kristy Senatori	Executive Director	
Erin Perry	Deputy Director	
Chloe Schaefer	Chief Planner	
David Still	Digital Communications	
Siobhan Cavacco	Administrative Assistant	



## Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm with roll call.

## Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Bert Talerman, seconded by Julie Wake the draft minutes from the May 10, 2023 BCEDC meeting were approved with a roll call vote.

## Roll Call Vote

Greg Bilezikian	Yes
Rob Brennan	Yes
Kara Galvin	Yes
Cindy Horgan	Yes
Alisa Magnotta	Yes
Julie Wake	Yes
Bert Talerman	Yes

## Agenda Items

**2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Year 4 Annual Report:** Chloe Schaefer, Chief Planner at the Cape Cod Commission (Commission), reviewed the 2019 CEDS Year 4 Annual Report for approval by the Barnstable County Economic Development Council.

Ms. Schaefer said the CEDS is a five-year plan that is required to maintain the economic development district designation and every year the Commission provides an annual report to the U.S. Economic Development Administration about the projects that were accomplished and the goals for the next year.

Ms. Schaefer said the four areas that the Commission focuses on as part of the CEDS annual report are: Administrative & General Planning, Outreach and Information Sharing, Targeted Technical Assistance to Towns, and Regional Projects and Initiatives.

Ms. Schaefer said the 2019 CEDS 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report projects and initiatives include the Regional Housing Strategy, Freshwater Initiative, Broadband Deployment Strategy and Buildout Fund, Early Education and Childcare Needs Assessment, and Land Use Planning for Economic Resilience. She reviewed each in more detail, starting with the housing strategy. Ms. Schaefer said for the housing strategy they were able to secure ARPA funding from the county, gather data to develop housing profiles for each town, start the stakeholder process, and contract with a consultant to help with several aspects of the strategy development.

For the Freshwater Initiative, Ms. Schaefer said they secured funding from the county and contracted with Eastern Research Group for an economic analysis to understand the economic impact of the region's freshwater resources. She said they started local pond monitoring and the

Commission staff have been compiling data on different strategies for freshwater resources and water quality.

For the Broadband Deployment Strategy and Buildout Fund, Ms. Schaefer said they secured ARPA funding from the county and contracted with a consultant who will do a needs assessment in the next fiscal year.

For the Early Education and Childcare Needs Assessment she said they worked with the Renie Center for Education Research and the report was published during the last reporting period.

Ms. Schaefer said for the Land Use Planning for Economic Resilience they are developing local typology for commercial and mixed-use development, including COVID impacts and pre-COVID trends and developing land use and zoning best practices for mixed use development including a model bylaw for towns to use and/or adapt for their needs.

Ms. Schaefer reviewed the Evaluation of Progress on Action Plan & Goals for People (demographic information), Economy (GDP data that showed a return to pre-pandemic levels), and Place (housing prices and affordability and inventory).

Ms. Schaefer concluded her presentation with a review of the goals for next year. She said they will continue updating the CEDS through a comprehensive planning process and continue with outreach & information sharing, and targeted technical assistance to towns. In addition, Ms. Schaefer said they will continue with the housing strategy, including stakeholder meetings, model bylaws for towns, and working to advance suitability analysis for development and redevelopment. She said they will advance the Freshwater Initiative with additional surveys, economic analysis, pond monitoring & data gathering, and stakeholder involvement in the fall.

Ms. Magnotta said it is a good outline of what is happening.

Mr. Talerman added anyone who doubts the quality of pond water should drive around and see how green the ponds are currently.

There were no additional questions or comments.

Upon a motion by Greg Bilezikian, seconded by Cindy Horgan, the BCEDC agreed to forward the 2019 CEDS Year 4 Annual Report to the Cape Cod Commission for approval and submission to the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Greg Bilezikian	Yes
Rob Brennan	Yes
Kara Galvin	Yes
Cindy Horgan	Yes

Alisa Magnotta	Yes
Julie Wake	Yes
Bert Talerman	Yes

## Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Update

Kristy Senatori reported on recent staff activities.

Ms. Senatori said they received 1250 housing preference surveys. She said the survey will be closing next week and encouraged council members to complete and share the survey.

Ms. Senatori said the OneCape Summit is schedule for July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup> and registration will be opening soon.

## Member Reports

Rob Brennan said he is currently in Washington, DC with Mass Home Builders. He said they met with Congressman Keating and brought up bridge funding. Mr. Brennan said they were informed by Congressmen Keating that the delay with funding is a result of the \$4.5 billion project cost, even with the state commitment of \$700 million. Mr. Brennan said they met with five other congressional offices and three congress members and stressed that the bridges are a priority.

Ms. Magnotta asked if the funding delay is new information and if the council should get involved. Ms. Senatori said that it is not new information but that it is good to keep it on the radar of legislators and to put pressure for expedited funding.

Mr. Bilezikian commented on the impact the bridges have on the islands and said they need to articulate the bridges have a regional impact versus just Cape Cod.

Ms. Magnotta suggested reaching out to the islands for the next bridge discussion. Ms. Senatori agreed and suggested doing so prior to fall work on Bourne Bridge to make sure islands are represented with any correspondence with MassDOT & Army Corps.

Greg Bilezikian said they met with Provincetown, Orleans, and Yarmouth to talk about housing and get an idea of what is happening at the local level. He said a lot of good work is going on within the towns to work on the housing issue.

Ms. Magnotta said that is the result of public pressure, and the work of the Commission, HAC, and the CDP in lower and outer Cape. She said today there is consensus and acceptance that there is a housing crisis but that was not the case five years ago. Ms. Magnotta said the towns have realized that changing their bylaws can help. She said Provincetown is doing amazing work and suggested the CCC staff share the housing strategy information they have gathered for each town at an upcoming BCEDC meeting.

Ms. Magnotta said HAC just received notice from the state of funding for 107 Main Street in Orleans and they will be breaking ground on 14 units in the fall. She said they are going to have site control for a new individual shelter. Ms. Magnotta said tomorrow they are unveiling an art exhibit with students on Cape Cod who were asked to draw what housing means to them. She said it is powerful to see from child's perspective what it means to have safe, predictable housing and they hope it helps personalize the housing situation.

There were no other member reports.

### **New Business**

Ms. Magnotta said the council does not meet in July & August. She said when they reconvene in September, they will be starting the CEDS report and asked members if they feel they need presentations on climate, housing, and broadband. She suggested scheduling another meeting for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Senatori said they can add meetings during the summer months if the council feels it is necessary.

Mr. Talerman said an overview of broadband would be helpful, including where technological challenges are in the region. Ms. Senatori said they will have more accurate data on broadband in September and Mr. Talerman said he can wait until fall for that discussion.

Mr. Brennan said Mass Home Builders is releasing their 18-month study on NetZero code costs for single family homes that show it will add \$23-25K per home and an additional 3.5% for multifamily homes. He said the report addresses what this means for housing affordability and production. Mr. Brennan said the report will be helpful for towns so they can come up with solutions to help offset the additional expense, such as real estate tax adjustments and density bonuses for development.

Ms. Senatori suggested polling the members with possible dates for a June meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Greg Bilezikian, seconded by Rob Brennan, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm with a roll call vote.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Greg Bilezikian	Yes
Rob Brennan	Yes
Kara Galvin	Yes
Cindy Horgan	Yes
Alisa Magnotta	Yes
Julie Wake	Yes
Bert Talerman	Yes

## List of Materials Used/Presented

- 2019 CEDS Year 4 Annual Report Presentation
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